

**Special CMS Open Door Forum:
Tribal Consultation Policy
Wednesday, January 25, 2006
2:00 – 3:30 PM (Eastern Standard Time)
Conference Call Only**

On Wednesday, January 25, 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will host a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) on the CMS Tribal Consultation Policy. This will be the first time a CMS Tribal Consultation Policy will be presented to the Tribes for review. This policy was written in collaboration with the Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) and presented to CMS for clearance. The posted draft of the policy has been cleared by CMS and returned to the TTAG for Tribal review. The TTAG Consultation Policy Subcommittee will use this ODF to provide an overview of the policy, discuss the development process, and respond to questions. This ODF is intended to expedite the comment processes and provide clarification and discussion.

Currently the Tribal Consultation Policy is ready for comment. Final comments on the policy are due February 10, 2006. They are to be submitted directly to Dorothy Dupree, Senior Policy Advisor for Tribal Affairs, CMS via e-mail at Dorothy.Dupree@CMS.HHS.gov or by mail to:

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To view the draft CMS Tribal Consultation Policy, visit web link:
http://www.cmsttag.org/docs/cms_tribal_consultation_policy_2005-12.doc

Additionally, more information about the CMS TTAG can be found at www.cmsttag.org.

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